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Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status

Note by the Director General

The present document provides information on the International Institute of Industrial Ecology and Green Economy (2iecologie), a non-governmental organization applying for consultative status with UNIDO.

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on the International Institute of Industrial Ecology and Green Economy (2iecologie), a non-governmental organization (NGO) seeking consultative status with UNIDO, is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on the NGO is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines, stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. In line with the procedures established by the Board at its forty-fifth session (IDB.45/Dec.16) the Enlarged Bureau of the Board shall review the present application of, and information on, the NGO referred to in the annex to the present document at its meeting prior to the forty-sixth session and submit its recommendations to the Bureau of the Board. The Bureau shall consider the application and recommendations of the Enlarged Bureau at its first meeting on 26 November 2018.

3. At the subsequent plenary meeting, the President of the forty-sixth session shall inform the Board of the Bureau's recommendation on the application and with the approval of the Bureau, the President shall present a draft decision to the Board for adoption.

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Annex

International Institute of Industrial Ecology and Green Economy (2iecologie)

Historical background

The International Institute of Industrial Ecology and Green Economy is a non-profit association created in Geneva in October 2014. It is specialized in the practice of industrial ecology, aiming to study and understand the "industrial metabolism" of activities by adopting a systemic approach. It offers a space for reflection, research and implementation to establish dialogue and exchange between scientists, engineers, politicians, investors, businesses, and academia.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

- General assembly;
- Committee;
- Secretariat divided into three poles: Academic Research; Expertise, Engineering and Project Management; and Financing Solutions.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

The Institute's activities are organized around three interdependent and complementary poles (Academic Research; Expertise, Engineering and Project Management; and Financing Solutions) and are divided according to Industrial Ecology axes and Green Economy themes. Through its activities, the Institute promotes research and innovation to transform the current industrial system into a viable and long-term one, both in industrialized and developing countries. Multilateral cooperation strategies between private and public stakeholders aim to support and encourage economic and ecological development in a sustainable way.

Activities developed under the three poles in the last two years:

- Two reports elaborated in partnership with the University of Geneva as part of a project to support the safer use of mercury and the development of a sustainable gold extraction method in small-scale mines in Guinea and Mali.
- Creation of an online platform for the reuse of waste, in the form of a website for the exchange of reusable materials and objects. It is intended for companies, public authorities and individuals.
- Development of a method aimed at improving the traceability of gold.
- Organization of a round table "Gold is yellow, can it be green: issues and perspectives on the financing of sustainable production" as part of a programme on "Finding sustainable solutions for gold production and commercialisation" that brought together the major players in the Swiss gold market to discuss solutions for sustainable gold production and financing.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

2iecologie have been members of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) since September 2017 and were granted the status of special consultant at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in July 2018. They are also partnering with IUCN.

Membership

Twenty-two members, comprising ten persons, seven companies and five associations. In 2017, three international branches were opened (Burkina Faso, Guinea and Senegal).

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